

Murray, Bolton Charles

President, University of Saskatchewan

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September 3rd, 1915

President Murray,
University of Saskatchewan.

My dear Murray:

The following are the names of applicants that we had
for our position in Political Economy:

Robert J. McFall, Columbia University.

Fred R. Macaulay, 424 W. 120th Street, New York City

Summer address, 2425 Ridge Road, Berkeley, California.

W. J. A. Donald, Sarnia, Ont.

I hope that before this reaches you, you will have had
my first letter. I suppose you would not like to take Swanson of
Queen's. He was anxious to come to us.

We cannot yet tell how our registration is to be for the
next session, but I have heard that the first year in Medicine promises
to be large. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

October 20th, 1915

President Murray,

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My dear Murray:

Your letter has lain unanswered a long time. One reason is that I have not arranged for the representatives who ought to go on our Legal Committee and the Engineering Committee. For the Legal Committee will you please accept the name of Honourable Featherstone Osler, who is a member of our Senate. He was a justice of the Supreme Court and his advice should be of great value. For the Engineering Committee I have asked Dr. W. H. Ellis, Dean of our Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering to act. If there is any thing further let me know.

I suppose that you are now well under way. You will be glad to have Prehaut back. The fighting line was not the place for him.

It has been a great relief to know that your harvest has turned out so well. I gather from various reports that it is going to exceed your expectations, and I hope that one result of it will be that your position will be somewhat easier.

Probably your students like ours are fewer than last year. I think on the whole we have about 20% fewer, with an increase in the number of women students. Applied Science is practically cut in two, Medicine nearly the same as last year, as also Education, and Arts a good deal smaller. There is also a noticeable quiet about the University, a certain air, I suppose not altogether individual, of restraint and

reserve. We are now working for the Trafalgar Day subscription, and hope to get \$3500 from the staff and students.

I think that our new addition in Economics, MacIver, who takes Lloyd's place, is going to do well. Have you got a man yet for Economics? What about English? I have heard of two good men, one of whom we may take. If you would like the names I can send them.

I am going to Halifax and St. John next week to give some addresses. Though I shall have a good deal of talking to do the visit will be a rest or at any rate a pleasant change.

I have been quite under the weather. I was in my bed for about a week, but I am glad to say that now I am feeling much like my old self. Gilbert has gone to school and seems none the worse of it. Bobbie still is in bed though he seems to be improving. I hope you are all well. With kind regards to Mrs. Murray,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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October 26th, 1915.

Dear Falconer,

Very glad to get your letter to-day, and relieved to hear that your sickness has passed off. When Morton returned he was very anxious about you. He seemed to have gathered the general impression that there must be something wrong with your surroundings to cause so much sickness in the family. Did I ever tell you that Dr. Stewart remarked one day that he feared that the house was partly to blame for it? You should not allow your anxiety to keep the University's expenses below the irreducible minimum to prevent you from permitting the Governors of the University to do what they were all anxious to do. Your health, and still more, your life, are of infinitely greater value to Toronto University than the cost of any building. I am glad to hear that Gilbert is much better and that Bobbie is improving.

The attendance of the student body will reach approximately four hundred, or about the number last year, less those who went to the front.

One of our students died last week,

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the result of a slight operation prior to enlistment. He came from East Mines, Nova Scotia. His mother, now Mrs. Charles Morrison, was the wife of Mr. West, who was, I believe, a descendant of Mr. Brown, one of the first ministers in that part of Nova Scotia, while his mother traces her descent from David Smith, one of the first ministers in Truro. West had been a great friend and room mate of Gruchy's who enlisted last year and was drowned at Shorncliffe.

So far these are the only deaths known to us. One of our students who enlisted with the first contingent has returned very badly wounded, and the report has come that Exton Lloyd, Principal Lloyd's eldest son, has been wounded twice, but is not in a serious condition.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Falconer and the children, I am,

Sincerely yours,

President R. A. Falconer,
The University,
Toronto.



January 27th, 1916

President W. C. Murray,
University of Saskatchewan.

My dear Murray:

As the war is dragging on its weary length and will doubtless come to a conclusion if not in this year then in the next we should consider what steps may be taken to bring about some closer union in the way of government between the various Dominions and the Motherland. This has been emphasised particularly by your letter of this morning, which I will send to the "Presbyterian". It seems to me to be a remarkable diagnosis of your conditions in the West and I should judge extremely discriminating. You may perhaps see in a few weeks an article of mine that is to appear in the next issue of the "University Magazine" bearing somewhat upon this question. Now seems to me to be the crucial period for strengthening all the English and British influences throughout the Empire.

This has been, as you know, the theme of discussion in the Round Table Clubs, and though I am not satisfied with their solution I believe profoundly in what they are aiming at. After consulting with a number of leading men here I am writing to you and to Tory with a view of getting the names of one or two men in each Province not connected with the judiciary or politics who might be willing to attend a conference on the matter before very long. We should want men who are thoroughly in sympathy with the effort of drawing the Empire together, and whose adherence would carry weight

through the Province. I should think myself that in Alberta Tory and Biggar might be as good men as could be got. Is there any one besides yourself who could represent Saskatchewan?

I am glad to know that there is a prospect of the University Presidents of the West coming East. I hope that you will get your battalion. When you are here I should like to consult the four of you on this and another question.

Of course you know where your headquarters always are in Toronto.

Perhaps you would let me have an answer before long as to suggesting any names.

Yours sincerely,

President.